

**DECLARATION  
IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No.  
S01.12-0669/STL 9596

**SPECIFICATION AND INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought, on the invention entitled DISC HEAD SLIDER HAVING VERTICALLY CONTOURED FEATURES AND METHOD OF FABRICATING VERTICALLY CONTOURED FEATURES ON A SLIDER the specification of which,

x is entitled DISC HEAD SLIDER HAVING VERTICALLY CONTOURED FEATURES AND METHOD OF FABRICATING VERTICALLY CONTOURED FEATURES ON A SLIDER, having an attorney docket number S01.12-0669/STL 9596.  
\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Appln. No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

**PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119)**

Prior Foreign Application(s)

I claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a-d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed | Priority Claimed   |
|--------|---------|----------------------|--------------------|
| _____  | _____   | _____                | Yes _____ No _____ |
| _____  | _____   | _____                | Yes _____ No _____ |

Prior Provisional Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety:

| Number            | Day/Month/Year Filed  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>60/200,518</u> | <u>April 27, 2000</u> |
| <u>60/209,015</u> | <u>June 1, 2000</u>   |

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 120)

I claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety. Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| Appln. No. | U.S. Appln. No.<br>(if any under PCT) | Filing Date | Status |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
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DECLARATION

I declare that all statements made herein that are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements that are made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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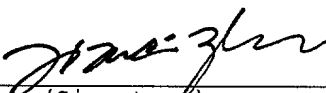
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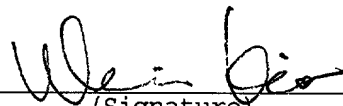
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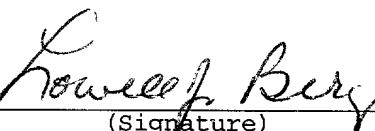
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